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Chemical Weapons Rocket Leak Detected at Blue Grass Army Depot

BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT, Ky. Army officials report that toxic chemical crews inspecting the chemical weapons stockpile discovered one M55 rocket leaking GB (Sarin) vapor within its air tight shipping and firing tube.

Periodically the crews remove an inspection bolt in the tube and sample the air inside. The low level agent vapor was confined to the interior of the tube and no agent vapor was detected within the igloo atmosphere.

The rocket, enclosed in the shipping and firing tube, will be overpacked in a leakproof container. It will then be moved to another igloo containing only overpacked GB munitions as soon as possible. Follow-up news release will be made following the conclusion of the movement operation.

Although this leak posed no danger or risk to the citizens of Madison County, the county Emergency Management and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Emergency Management Agencies were notified of the leak.

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